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Filed:	DECEMBER 31, 2003	Docket No.:	758.1100US01
Title:	FILTER CONSTRUCTIONS CONTAINING BREATHER AND RECIRCULATION FILTER ELEMENTS		

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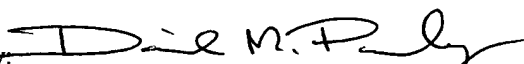
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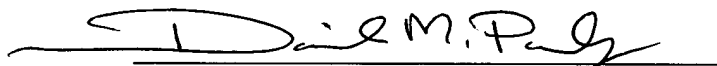
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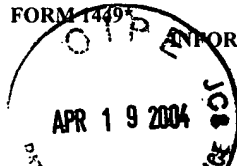
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